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Lukay loses fight to halt referendum

Councillor Lukay continued his fight to postpone the amalgamation referendum at town council Monday night. During the new business segment of the meeting, he placed before the council a motion to delay the referendum until the holding of the fall elections.

First to speak to the motion was Mayor Gibbon. He stated that most of the

costs concerned had already been met and the money would be lost if it was postponed. Making it clear that he would have supported the motion last November, he said the motion was "too little - too late."

Councillor Wheatley pointed out that the original idea was to hold the referendum in conjunction with last October's elections. Had it not been for the change in the Social Credit leadership, it would have been possible for the Local Authorities Board already to have held hearings into the matter, leaving the council without any indication of public feeling. He felt that polling of the public was essential to give council some direction.

Councillor Kambourff agreed that it should have been called off before, but that it was too late to do so now. Councillor Bakker stated simply that he had always been opposed to the referendum and he hadn't changed yet. The motion was defeated 4 - 2.

Councillor Lukay immediately placed another motion on the floor stating that it should be established that unless 25% of the electorate turned out for the plebiscite, council had no obligation to act on its results. He felt that this would encourage the voters to turn out and would also set a realistic minimum level for interpreting the results. The motion was defeated 5 - 1.

Group will suggest college site

Civic and school officials from St. Albert and Morinville and the Municipal District of Sturgeon will take their case for the establishment of a junior college to the provincial government in late February.

The officials, who met in St. Albert on Monday, will meet again Feb. 10 to draft a brief to be presented to the government, requesting that any plans for a junior college locate it north of Edmonton, preferably in the St. Albert area.

Representatives on the committee are from the town of St. Albert and the two school districts, the town of Morinville and Thibault School District, the Municipal District of Sturgeon and the Sturgeon School Division.

The St. Albert Knights of Columbus voted Monday night to donate \$5,000 to the St. Albert and District Arena Fund.

The commitment is the first of major proportions to be made to the fund, which has a target of \$60,000 for construction of an arena for use next winter.

In making the announcement, KC publicity officer Paul Shelemy said the KCs will work in full co-operation with other local service clubs to help construct an arena.

It is expected that within

the next couple of weeks another local service club will announce a sizeable commitment to the fund. All monies donated are refundable if a start is not made on the arena by Jan. 31, 1970.

Anyone wishing to donate to the fund need only contact the Bank of Nova Scotia, Bank of Montreal or the St. Albert Savings and Credit Union.

All three are acting as agencies for the fund, granting loans of \$100 to anyone wishing to donate. The loans

by Hennie Stibbe.

Attendance at round two of the amalgamation debate saw a vast improvement over the first public meeting held two weeks ago. More than 120 persons braved the cold weather to listen to the views expressed by their fellow residents at a meeting held last night at George Simpson Junior High School.

Most people speaking at the meeting seemed to be against amalgamation, several were strongly in favor and a few had difficulty making up their minds.

post office

After Feb. 17 and until such time as a Sub Post Office can be established in St. Albert the Post Office will remain open on Saturday from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. for regular Post Office business. Lock boxes are available for rental for those who require Saturday mail.

The question uppermost on people's minds was "are we going to lose or gain by amalgamating". No body seemed to have a clear cut answer.

On the pro-amalgamation side of the ledger are: for the time being a possible decrease in taxes, lower water rates, full-time fire-protection and a subsequent lower rate on fire insurance, improved public transportation and a better choice of technical personnel.

Several arguments were presented by St. Albert should retain its autonomy. Mayor Ray Gibbon stated that from discussions he has had with department of education officials, there is no doubt in his mind that in the event St. Albert annexed by the City of Edmonton, local high school students will be bused into Edmonton for daily classes.

Services will also be cut in the event of amalgamation, said the mayor, singling out road-grading as one service certain to be diminished. This remark drew the reply from a member of the audience "What road-grading?"

The mayor also said that the average Edmonton family pays \$49.99 per year to their Community League, while in St. Albert recrea-

tion is offered at no additional cost to the resident.

Councillor J. Bakker urged those present to cast an "undecided" vote in next Wednesday's referendum. "It will be well worth our while to wait and see what happens to Edmonton's taxes in a few years, before we take a stand one way or another", he said.

Some members of the audience seemed to feel amalgamation is inevitable. "It's no use trying to kid ourselves," one man said, "whether we amalgamate now or 10 years from now, it will eventually happen". Pointing out that St. Albert is expected to triple in size within 10 years and Edmonton, too, will continue to expand, the two centres will grow together in any event, he said.

Quote of the week

Bill penrose, speaking at last night's amalgamation meeting: "It would seem that a 'YES' vote is like sheep running into the slaughter house without waiting for the Judas goat to come into the pen".

KCs agree to donate \$5,000 to arena fund

are repayable in 10 monthly instalments of \$10.50.

In the coming weeks a concerted drive for funds will be under way to ensure that minor hockey players and figure skaters in St. Albert do not have to undergo another winter such as this.

Arenas in the surrounding area, such as at Morinville and Legal, have not missed a day of operation.

When the Fire Department peewee team edged the Legal team 4 - 3 Monday night, it was 25 below outside and zero inside.

VOTE

On Wednesday, Feb 5

On February 5th you are being asked to vote on the question of amalgamation with the City of Edmonton. From the point of view of direction to council it would be appreciated if a good turn-out is registered at the polls.

PERSONS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE ON QUESTION

1. All persons whose name appears on the List of Electors
2. His or her name appears on the last revised assessment roll in respect to land or business liable to taxation and is the full age of 19 years on the day of the poll.
3. A Canadian citizen or British subject who has resided in the municipality for a period of 12 months and is the full age of 19 years on the day of the poll.
4. Sec. (38) A corporation, church or religious organization that is a Proprietary Elector is entitled to one vote only by proxy by a resident person the full age of 21 on the day of the poll. A letter from head office of the corporation or local governing body of the church or religious organization is required. All proxy votes are to be cast at the Town Hall poll only.
5. Persons who are eligible and whose name does not appear on the electoral list may be sworn in, also at the Town Hall only.

For further information call Town Hall 599-6601 or 599-3253 - 599-7614 - Mayor's residence.

I am convinced we have to have a high percentage turn-out at the polls and to this end I will make myself and my car available for transportation, as well as try to arrange for standby rides from volunteers in the town. If you require this service on election day, phone the numbers listed above.

R. M. Gibbon, Mayor
Town of St. Albert.



INDUCTED INTO ST. ALBERT LIONS CLUB

On Tuesday, January 21 at the Club Moombo the St. Albert Lions Club had 20 new members inducted. "Shorty" A. G. Kirstine, Edmonton Host Club performed the ceremonies. New members are: Charles Armitt, Jerry Balke, Marcel Bergeron, Terry Billingsley, Rod Binette, Roger Brunelle, Roger Caouette, Elmer Harrison, Jens Jorgensen, Donald Keith, James

Kimball, Henry Mostert, Wayne Peters, Maurice Poole, Richard Ryley, Lloyd Sawka, George Szekely, Marten Van der Gowe, Allan Webb and Roy White. Seated in the middle is Shorty Kirstine flanked by Dr. Cuts, membership chairman on his left and Rod Thorndson, president St. Albert Lions Club on his right.

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AMALGAMATION MEETING From Page 1

In answer to the question of anything would radically change if the town amalgamated now, Mr. Newell, representative of Underwood McLeellan, said in his estimation, "five years from now you could drive into St. Albert and you would not be able to tell if amalgamation had taken place or not."

When asked to comment on a reported possible 10 mill tax hike in Edmonton this year, Mayor Gibbon said the St. Albert Town Council has instructed the staff to hold the present mill rate, Charles Schroder, chair-

man St. Albert Separate Protestant School Board, avowed that the District is looking at a possible increase of 2-4 mills this year.

It seems then, that each person will have to weigh all available facts carefully. Is it worth an extra \$20 per month to live in a quiet small town in which to raise our children? Do we want to be big fish in a little pond or little fish in a big pond? Should the green belt be traded for smoke stacks?

St. Albert residents cast their ballots next Wednesday February 5.

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An avid sportsman and true bookworm, Southesk in his journal tells of meeting

such men as Sir George Simpson, many legendary Indian Chiefs, Father LaCombe, Bishop Tache and many more.

On his second visit to Fort Edmonton, Oct. 12, Southesk writes he noticed a "wonderful improvement in the Fort. Order and cleanliness everywhere prevail. It is delightful to be again enjoying the comforts of civilization, such as wine, well made coffee, vegetables, cream-tarts and other good things too many to mention."

Illustrated with many small sketches by Southesk, this 440 page volume is certain to be of great interest to history buffs.

New Comers

We welcome the following to St. Albert.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Fee and family; Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Fuglestad; Mr. and Mrs. Terry Gardiner and family of the Sturgeon Heights district.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Chapman and family; Mr. and Mrs. E. Nyland and family; Dr. and Mrs. G. Szekely; Mr. and Mrs. D. Crowe and family; Mr. and Mrs. E. Neitz and family; Mr. and Mrs. W. McDonald and family; Mr. and Mrs. G. Gibson; and Mr. and Mrs. J. Paterson and family of Grandin Park.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Jauch, and family; and Mr. and Mrs. William House and family of Mission Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rudolph and family of Braeside.

World Book Lore



Burrowing owls nest underground. They often build their nests in the burrows of prairie dogs or badgers, but sometimes dig their own nesting tunnels.

An astronaut's muscles remain in a relaxed or "floating" position, no matter whether he sits or stands in space during weightless flight, National Geographic reports in its new book, Man's Conquest of Space.

Around Town

Phone your club or social news to Hennie Stibbe at 599-7448. Arrangements for photographs can also be made. There is no charge for this service.

Mrs. Shirley Scott, 20 Sunset Blvd., was feeding her last handful of nickels into a slot machine in the Frontier, Las Vegas, before returning home last Wednesday, when it happened. "I've never been so excited," she said. "The man handed me 30 one-hundred dollar bills!" Mrs. Scott and her husband Willis, a self-employed welder, had been in Vegas four days. "We've been three times, but never won anything." How will Mrs. Scott spend the money? "Madly," she says. The Scotts plan to take part of their winnings back to Las Vegas, later this year. Who says lightning never strikes twice? There are two children in the Scott family, Allan, 8, and Margaret, 7.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Gare and their children Mark, Adam and Sandy arrived last Wednesday, from London, England. The Gares plan to make their home in Canada and are presently staying with Mr. and Mrs. R. Cooper, 39 Springfield.

This is Minor Hockey Week in Canada. The CAHA says: "Don't send - take your boy to the arena - and stay to see him play."

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Ross, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Flynn and

Mr. and Mrs. Kent Rogers were delegates representing the St. Albert Association at the Provincial Progressive Conservative Convention held in Calgary, Friday, Saturday and Sunday of last week.

One alarm was answered by the St. Albert fire department last week. Men out a car - fire which was presumably caused by a short in the wiring.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Gariepy, 35 Geneva Cres., recently welcomed their eighth child, Julie Vivienne.

Mrs. Shirley Brooks wishes to announce her engagement to Mr. Robert Thomas Weir. Wedding to take place United Church, St. Albert, April 26, 1969.

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Mrs. May Mirlin passes

Funeral services will be held Friday morning for Mrs. May Mirlin who passed away Monday. She is survived by her husband, Dr. Walter Mirlin, one daughter, and two sons, Mrs. D. R. (Ann) Whitford, St. Albert; Andrew, Edmonton

and Alex at home. Prayers will be said Thursday, at 8 p.m., at St. Albert Roman Catholic Church, where funeral services will be held Friday morning at 10 a.m. Interment in the St. Albert Cemetery. Father C. Levangie will officiate.

BILLBOARD

- JAN. 30 - ST. Albert Singers rehearsal, 8:30 p.m. United Church.
- JAN. 30 - Kinetie's public speaking course which was to be held last week but was cancelled because of the inclement weather, will be held tonight at 8 p.m. at the Clubhouse. (Will be cancelled if temperature drops under 30 below.)
- JAN. 31 - The Native Society will hold an old-time dance at the St. Albert Community Hall.
- FEB. 1 - Kin' Cinema at Father Jan School, 2 - 4 p.m.
- FEB. 4 - Regular AA meeting, Braeside Presbyterian Church, 8:30 p.m.
- FEB. 5 - Welcome Wagon Newcomers Club will hold their monthly dinner meeting at the Club Mocombo 6:30 p.m. Guest speaker: Mrs. Hanna.
- FEB. 6 - Kinetie public speaking course, 8 p.m., at the Clubhouse. (Will be cancelled if temperature drops under 30 below.)
- FEB. 6 - St. Albert Singers rehearsal, United Church lower hall, 8:30 p.m.

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Amalgamation report prepared by St. Albert Separate School No. 6

Underwood McLellan Report

EDUCATION

Comparisons between the St. Albert Protestant Separate School District #6 (which is responsible for the education of all children, other than Roman Catholic, in St. Albert) and Edmonton School District #7 can be made on the bases of services, and of costs.

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES NORMAL CHILDREN

For the average or normal student there is no doubt that the services offered in St. Albert are equal or superior to those available in Edmonton. Our teachers are as well qualified by preparation; some, indeed, have left Edmonton to come to St. Albert. Perhaps on the average they have somewhat less experience because of the fact that the district is only eleven years old on comparison with Edmonton School District #7, which was established in 1885, and the limited placement policy of the district has inhibited the recruitment of teachers with extended experience.

In some ways the services offered in St. Albert #6 are superior to those in Edmonton. Our pupil-teacher and classroom-teacher ratios are lower, permitting more individual attention to children. Proportionately, we have more librarians per pupil than does Edmonton, and more counsellors, so that counselling service is available for senior elementary pupils in two of the three schools which offer Grades 1V to VI. Oral French is available in all Grades from

1V through IX. In Edmonton School District, few if any children in Grades IV to VI have a similar opportunity and by no means all in Grades VII to IX.

In the senior high, a complete matriculation program is available, as are good (and improving) programs in general and in business education. Lacking are offerings in technical vocational subjects, but in this district there are very few apprentices in these areas, and as yet their needs have been met by having them attend Edmonton schools at the district's expense. It is safe to say that at least 95% of the district's high school students have been able to find satisfactory programs, considering their abilities, interests and aspirations, at Paul Kane High School.

The school success of the district's pupils, as measured by results on Grade IX and Grade XII departmental examinations, is substantially above the provincial averages at both levels. Another measure of a school system's success is its retentivity of pupils. In a stable community this is a valid criterion, but in this district, where almost every family have been newcomers within the last decade, this measure is both extremely difficult to determine and of doubtful worth.

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES OTHER CHILDREN

For other than average or normal children the district provides services superior to most systems of comparable size and in some respects superior (and certainly more accessible) than

those in Edmonton. These include the following:

1. A remedial room for certain handicapped pupils throughout the district.

2. Remedial teachers in all school grades from the primary grades are taught.

3. Opportunity rooms for severely mentally handicapped children. (The junior room is operated by School District #3, the senior by School District #6.)

4. A high school preparation room at Paul Kane for pupils who have not been successful at the Grade IX examinations.

5. A supervisor of guidance who also acts as attendance officer and has special concern for all children with serious school problems.

6. Services purchased from the Winifred Stewart and other special schools for grievously handicapped children.

Special pre-employment programs are as yet not available to our children, but negotiations continue with Edmonton towards making them available.

ANCILLARY SERVICES

These include the following:

1. Health: The valued services of the local health unit are comparable with those available to Edmonton children.

2. Pupil Transportation: As in Edmonton, transportation is provided all pupils living one and one-half miles or more from school.

3. Textbooks: In Edmonton School District No. #7 textbooks are loaned without charge in Grades 1 through IX but beyond that level, pupils must buy their

own. In our system, textbooks in all grades are rented at 25% of the list price of the books, on the average.

4. Recreation: Because of the joint-use agreement operative in St. Albert, the facilities of both school districts and of the town are much more available to school children than is the case in Edmonton.

SUPERVISION

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EDUCATIONAL COSTS

The Underwood McLellan report indicates that in 1966, latest year for which Edmonton figures are given, St. Albert #6 spent \$480 per pupil per year, on the average, in comparison with Edmonton's \$500 and St. Albert #3's \$501. In 1968 St. Albert Separate and Public spent \$646 and \$690 respectively. No doubt the Edmonton average had also increased in the two-year interval. St. Albert in 1966 received 48.6% of combined municipal and school revenue from senior government grants; Edmonton's figure was 34.0%.

School tax rates (including the provincial Foundation Program rate over which the school districts have no control) in 1968 were about 45 mills in St. Albert, 42 in Edmonton. In this connection, differences

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Larsen loses to Savard; Kelly loses to scales

Jim Kelly of the St. Albert Boxing Club is a growing boy.

In fact, Saturday night he grew himself right out of his 100-pound provincial amateur junior title.

Scheduled to defend his title against Brian Lee of Hinton, Kelly couldn't get below 103 pounds.

So Gordon Russell, chairman of the provincial boxing commission, declared the title vacant and awarded Lee the 100-pound spot on the provincial team.

The fight, however, went on.

Kelly may have just been working out his frustrations

but he came up with his sharpest showing of the season, out-boxing and out-slugging Lee for an unanimous decision.

Gary Larsen of the St. Albert Club was equally as unfortunate as Kelly Saturday. However, he lost his 80-pound title in the ring, not on the scales.

Larsen lost his first fight of the season, a split decision to Joey Savard of South Side Legion, the club that sponsored the card in the Strathcona Legion Hall.

Jelley said both boys would be challenging again soon, but this time Kelly would be in the 105-pound

class. He is expected to get a shot at the winner of a weekend match between Wendell Hodson of Fort McMurray and Denis Belair of the Riverside club which will declare a holder to the vacant 105-pound title.

"He seems to be regaining the form he showed a couple of years ago," St. Albert club instructor Brian Jelley said after the fight. "Lee just couldn't hit him."

Kelly, who is described by Jelley as "a boxer, not a fighter," did not fight last season. He has won three of four fights this term, but Jelley feels he is just beginning to hit his stride.

Larsen was undefeated in five outings until he ran up against Savard. He said later that Savard seemed "too strong" for him but added that he wanted another fight with him.

"It was a split decision, but I think the other boy had the edge," Jelley said. That night he was the better fighter -- but Gary will be back."

Jelley said Larsen just didn't seem to be himself. He said it was possible that he was over-trained, as he has been pushing himself very hard of late.

But he also felt it could have been Savard's style. "He's quite a crowder

and moved in on Gary right from the going, pushing him into a corner and giving him a few good blows right on the chin. He overpowered him in the first round and that may have put Gary off."

Domie Wilson, a former member of the St. Albert Club who is now fighting out of the South Side Legion, also fought on the card Saturday, outpointing Denis Belair.

Wilson, who had a four-pound edge on Belair, was moving well in the scrap that his handlers consider as a tune-up to a challenge fight in the 110-pound division in February.

The ancient Romans apparently had their problems with women drivers. According to Roman Law, lady charioteers were not allowed to drive on Sundays nor during peak traffic hours.

Two monkeys were discussing the theory of evolution. "Do you mean that I am my keeper's brother?"

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Gazette Sports

Donais rink falls in northern final



Captain Philip McNeely of the Hercules midget soccer team receives the Edmonton and District Youth Soccer League Trophy from Mayor Ray Gibbon. The team won the league championship. (Left to right): Bob Langevin, Wayne Dorn, Mike Kelly, Ken Ahrens, Philip McNeely, Don Hunt, president of Hercules Sports Association, Mr. O'Kelly, coach, and Mayor Ray Gibbon.

Fred Hesse counts 5 goals as Comets top Morinville 10-2

St. Albert Comets only managed to split six points down the middle in Sturgeon River Senior Hockey League action last week, but in a way it was one of their best weeks of the season.

Fred Hesse, the club's top goalgetter in recent seasons, returned to form and Cam Colville, a Comet veteran, was lured out of retirement to give added depth to the goal-tending corps.

Hesse, who had trouble reaching the five-goal mark in 10 games this season, got that many against Morinville Friday night as Comets won 10-2.

Comets claim he got six, but the referees saw it differently. The puck ended up in the net

and the light went on, but the referee said it went in through at the side of the net.

They're still, however, looking for the hole.

Joe Cassidy, with two, Vic Roberge, Ray Lamer and Al Miller got the other St. Albert goals. O'Neill Chevaller and Rich Pugliese scored for Morinville.

Comets had period leads of 4-0 and 6-1.

Colville was in goal for the last half of the game, his first action of the season.

Comets' big goal output was a once-only affair for the week, however, as they managed only two Sunday and fell 3-2 to Barrehead.

Earlier in the week they had their hands full coming out with a 3-3 tie with Spruce Grove.

Barrehead took a 2-1 first-period lead Sunday and stretched it to 3-1 in the second. Comets got the only goal of the third period.

Comets looked for a moment as if they were going to get a tie. They pulled their goalie in favor of a sixth attacker in the dying seconds

and swarmed around the Barrehead goal. But the Barrehead goalie smothered the puck on the goal-line to end the threat.

Bill Reimer scored two goals for Barrehead and Terry Reimer got the other.

Dave Joyal scored both goals for Comets.

Against Spruce Grove, it was 1-1 after the first period and 2-2 after the second.

hoop loop

Paul Kane High School again took the lead in the North Central Zone High School Boys' Basketball League last week, downing St. Albert High 36-24.

Paul Kane is now two points in front of St. Albert High.

In the girls' division, St. Albert High defeated Paul Kane 23-18.

Jan Donais' rink from St. Albert High School recovered from a shaky start to reach the semi-finals of B event in the Northern Alberta schoolboys' curling championship at the Edmonton Curling Club last week.

Donais was beaten 11-3 by the Stettler foursome in the opening round of A event, then fashioned victories over O'Leary, Walnwright and Rocky Mountain House before bowing 8-5 to Rick Pszyk of Lloydminster in the semi-finals of B event.

Pszyk jumped off to a 5-1 lead after four ends but Donais managed to pick up a pair in the fifth. It was the last real look he had, however, as Pszyk picked up a single point on the sixth with last rock and then stole two over the next two ends.

Trailing 8-3 after eighth end, Donais counted two on the ninth but he ran out of

rocks on the way home.

Brian Kupsch, coach of the St. Albert rink, had high praise for Donais and his third man, Trent Pezot. He said both curled better than 70 per cent throughout the competition, which was won by John Anderson of Sedgewick.

Kupsch said the Donais rink was noticeably nervous in the opening game against Stettler but then settled down to some sound curling.

Barry McGillis' three second rocks for Donais and Richard Ringuette was lead.

Silver Gloves date set

The Alberta Silver Gloves boxing championships will be held in the St. Albert Community Hall on Saturday, Feb. 15.

Brian Jelley, instructor with the St. Albert Club, announced this week that fighters from all over the province will be competing in the championships.

The championships are for boxers in the 50 to 110-pound range who have had more than six fights but who have not won any provincial titles. Each club is allowed to enter one fighter in each division.

Jelley said the St. Albert club would enter fighters in all divisions.

The fight-offs will start at 2 p.m. and the first of the 12 finals will get under way at 8 p.m.

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The Bill Frasers - - A Dream Come True

by Hennie Stibbe

"You know, I don't think I'll ever forget that day," says Mrs. Bill Fraser.

"That" day was bleak 6th of December, now more than 20 years ago. "The waterman had not come," recalls Mrs. Fraser, "and I went next door to ask our neighbour to tell him to be sure and call on us when he came around."

Seconds later, disaster struck. A package of matches, left on the cookstove, was discovered by one of the Fraser children. Within moments the small house was a blazing inferno.

"We lost everything," Mrs. Fraser said. Their youngest child, a 20 month old boy perished in the flames. Four other youngsters, the eldest 7, escaped.

A collection was taken up by the community which enabled Mr. Fraser to buy an old schoolhouse, which

was moved on to their lot at 100 Mission Avenue. There the Frasers lived until last November and raised their eight children.

"That first winter sure was cold," Bill Fraser recalls, "the ceiling in that schoolhouse was 12 feet high, and all the heat just hung there. We had no gas or sewer, somehow we just did not think we should spend too much on that old house."

The first year the Frasers lived in the schoolhouse their taxes were \$40 - last year they paid \$280 - on the same house!

By working hard all his life, Bill Fraser managed to save a few dollars, and, last summer decided he should have a new home.

NEW HOME

The old schoolhouse was moved to the rear of the lot and a full basement was dug in its place. Then Mr Fraser bought a solid, good looking bungalow, which had to be moved off its Edmonton lot.

"We moved in on November 5th," beams Mrs. Fraser. "It is just like a dream. We have a full basement, double plumbing, two bedrooms, a bathroom, kitchen, dining area and living room."

Friends and neighbours have held three house warming parties for the Frasers and they proudly display some of the many lovely gifts. T.V. tables, a large picture, an easy-chair and a complete set of dishes. "That's the first set of dinner ware I've ever had," smiles Mrs. Fraser.

There are two children still at home, eight year old David and Ruth, 16, who is presently taking practical nursing at St. Joseph's and recently joined the medical corps, Prince of Wales Armoury.

BORN HERE

Bill Fraser, 64, was born in St. Albert, as was his mother Mrs. Louise Belcourt, who is well past 90. Bill has worked "off and on" for the Ross family for more than 40 years, having been steadily employed by Mr. Neil Ross for the past eleven years.

"Things sometimes got pretty rough," he admits. The family has suffered serious set-backs. "I had my leg crushed and spent 13 months in hospital," Bill says. "I was in a cast for two years and on crutches for two and a half."

During that time Mr. Fraser earned his living buying and selling horses.

EARLY DAYS

Bill Fraser is full of anecdotes on life in St. Albert 40 - 50 years ago, and it does not take much prompting for him to part with several colorful stories.

"I must have been about nine," he says, "when one of my friends came running into the schoolyard, saying there had been a bad mishap on the bridge. A steam en-

gine which had been used to pull a threshing machine, had fallen through the bridge, killing one man. It took them several months to take that engine out, piece by piece."

Mr. Fraser remembers riding the street-car into Edmonton "for 50 cents a round trip."

"Back in 1912 some 18 head of horses were killed in a fire in the livery stable," Mr. Fraser recalls. "My step-dad, John Belcourt, got the contract to dispose of the carcasses. He buried them in a deep ditch, just about where the Safeway now stands."

As a 14 year old boy, Bill Fraser helped dig the basement for the old Youville Home. He quit school upon completing grade nine.

BRONCO-BUSTER

When young Bill Fraser was 17, he wanted some adventure and a change of scene, so he went to Southern Alberta where he worked on several ranches.

"That is when I got into bronco-riding," he says. "I made a lot of money those days, riding at the Calgary Stampede. In '31 I made \$400 in just a couple of days competing at the St. Albert Rodeo."

In the thirties Mr. Fraser was in business with his

brothers, selling feed, wood and ice in Edmonton. "We cut blocks of ice, 30 inches thick and weighing 500 pounds out of the little lake where the golf course is now. Some winters it was 60 below, but it was not so windy then, there was a lot of bush."

ROYAL VISIT

In 1939, disaster struck again. Commissioned to break several horses which were to be used in ceremonies in honour of the Royal Visit, Bill Fraser was thrown and pinned-down by a horse, severely injuring his back. He was in hospital six weeks.

When he got out, he did two things. First of all, he took himself a bride and, 12 days after the wedding, joined the Southern Alberta Regiment. Because of medical reasons, Mr. Fraser did not go overseas.

The Frasers have one son serving with the PPCLI, another son is in the Airforce where he was a member of the Golden Hawks ground crew. A daughter also was in the Airforce, before she married.

Mr. Fraser is a descendant of Simon Fraser, the explorer and fur trader. "My grandfather was named after old Simon," he says, adding that some time



Mr. and Mrs. Bill Fraser, at home in their new house at 100 Mission Avenue. Gazette Photo.

back the Hudson's Bay Co., traced the Frasers' ancestry and then sent the whole clan large photographs of old Simon.

A staunch Liberal, Bill Fraser has strong opinions on many things. "Welfare is spoiling the people," he said. "One day this fellow came into the bottle-depot and we got to talking and he asked me how much I made working there. When I told him, he laughed and said I was a sucker. He said he got more than that being on relief."

"I could have thrown a bottle at him," says Bill

Fraser. As long as he can manage, Bill Fraser intends to look after his family's needs himself, adding that a lot of credit is due to his wife who is a "real good manager."

"We don't go out much these days," says Mr. Fraser, "we like to stay home and enjoy the house." Puffing away on his pipe ("I once smoked a pack and a half of cigarettes a day, and quit, just like that") this grandfather of six chuckles, and, looking around his freshly painted, bright new home, says "I feel just like a newly-wed!"

at the library

On Saturday, Feb. 1st at 10 a.m. in the children's theatre at the Edmonton Centennial Library, Fun With Music will feature "Rising 20's Sing-A-Long!" At 2 p.m. the following children's films will be shown: Johnny Appleseed; Little Grey Neck; Legend of the Pied Piper and Zoo Animals in Rhyme. Children of the Calder area will hear "Jack and the Beanstalk" at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, while the stories of "Gabriel Wrinkles" and "Herman the Loser" will be told at the Woodcroft branch at 2 p.m. Sunday afternoon, Feb. 2, the following movies will be shown at the Centennial Library, commencing at 2 p.m.

A Close Look at Desert Animals; Painting Trees With Elliot O'Hara and Day at the Calgary Zoo. The Sunday afternoon Concert, which is brought in cooperation with the U of A Department of Music, presents an hour-long program starting at 3:15. This week's artists are vocalist Anne Marie Swanson and pianist Lorraine Ambrose.

A one and a half hour long program of French films will be featured at the Centennial Library, Monday Feb. 3, at 7:30 p.m.

The French language instruction series continue Tuesday evening at 7:30, with lesson 3 "En France - Il y a des Hotels A Tous Les Prix."

A young California couple took a visiting aunt for a drive and pointed out a fig tree as one of the sights.

"Fig tree!" exclaimed the elderly woman. "That can't be a fig tree."

"Certainly it is," said her niece. "What makes you think differently?"

"Well," said the aunt, subsid-ing a little, "I just thought . . . surely the leaves must be bigger than that."

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EDUCATIONAL CLIMATE OF OPINION

Perhaps the most significant difference between Edmonton and St. Albert school systems is the fact that whereas the former are vast monolithic and impersonal institutions with thousands of teachers and tens of thousands of pupils, the latter are small enough that every single person concerned -- pupil, parent, teacher -- can be considered and is an individual and is treated as such.

More than 150 competitors from all western provinces, the Lakehead and the Northern United States are expected to take part in the First Annual Edmonton International "Sno Go" to be held at Speedway Park on Sunday, Feb. 9th. This

will be the first power toboggan race of international calibre to be held in this area. Snowmobiles, racing in excess of 80 m.p.h., plus several special acts will be seen in this large winter spectacular.

Intrigue at Citadel

The Citadel Theatre has another hit on its boards with "The Right Honorable Gentleman" -- and that makes four in a row for the season. A spokesman at the Citadel said critical praise has been pouring in since the opening of this latest production, the consensus being that it provides "high drama, great excitement, and is the kind of fascinating theatre people want to see."

Starring Ivor Barry, Denise Ferguson and Sheila Haney, the production is

based on a true story, the case of The Right Honorable Gentleman was Britain's Profumo scandal of the 1960's.

Ivor Barry plays Sir Charles Dike, Member of Parliament, who is about to be named Colonial Secretary and who is most likely to succeed W. E. Gladstone, the aging prime minister.

Dike's career is ruined when a young woman confides to her husband she has been involved sexually with the M.P. The Statesman is then named in a divorce suit.

Sean Mulcahy directs the play, the marvelous Victorian sets are by Phillip Silver.

Doctor: "This peculiar behavior you speak of in your son, isn't it after all, a matter of heredity?"
Mother: (Nervously) "There's never been the slightest trace of heredity in our family!"

Employer: "Do you like work?"
Applicant: "I sure do, it fascinates me; I can sit and look at it for hours."

Judy LaMarsh's book, *Memoirs of a Bird in a Gilded Cage*, McClelland and Stewart, has stirred nationwide controversy and cap-

tured enough headlines to push it into a second large printing. The irrepressible Miss LaMarsh pulls no punches and gives a highly opinionated view of all the leading personalities during her tenure in parliament.

Few escape her eagle-eye, Pearson, Favreau, Sharp, Winters, Hellyer, Martin, Dief and, of course, Pierre Elliott Trudeau are all candidly, if not favorably, assessed.

Judy-Bird has a lot to say about the way things are organized in Ottawa, about the various scandals that rocked the capital, about "rotten management" in the CEC and about Sauve, Oulme and Pickersgill.

Female readers will particularly enjoy her views on the role of women in public life, how male parliamentarians invariably maltreat their female counterparts, and the perennial problem of "what to wear".

The 400-page book is illustrated with photographs and cartoons highlighting Judy's political career.

Fashion show to be held at Chateau

"Spring Sights and Sounds" is the theme for a fashion show to be held on Feb. 5, at 2 and 8 p.m. at the Chateau Lacombe, sponsored by the Edmonton Opera Guild. Fashion will be provided by Patricia Scott and Cameron-John. The musical program will feature soloists Pat Shelton, Chrystal MacDonald Fluetty, Nigel Lemon, Jay Wilkinson, Merla Aikman and June Hunt with Ernestine Bernstein as accompanist.

Tickets at \$1.50 are obtainable at Heintzman's Box Office, telephone 422-4919 and 422-7200, or from any guild member. Tickets will not be available at the door.

Vimy Column

Expression of sympathy is extended to Mrs. M. R. St. Arnaud and family upon their recent loss of Mrs. St. Arnaud's brother, Mr. Louis Normandeau.

The 'sugar house' donated by Mrs. Robert Sabourin was raffled at school and won by Miss Denise Dussault.

The Christopher course being held in Westlock is attended by F. A. Desjardins, Sisters F. Bourbonnais and Carmen Belanger and Paul St. Arnaud, R. Huot, M. Bernard, R. Joly, L. Blanchette, A. Fortier,

W. Provencal, R. Landry, R. Leplante and Mrs. L. Blodreau.

Mr. and Mrs. Alec Cyre were feted by their friends and relatives at a housewarming party.

A surprise party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bernard on the occasion of their 32nd wedding anniversary. Congratulations Henry and Annie.

Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. U. Landry were Mr. and Mrs. H. Fortier and family from Edmonton.

Legal population up

Pete and Lucienne Montpetit and their three daughters were happy to welcome a boy born January 23rd at the General Hospital in Edmonton. He weighed in at 8 lbs. 13 oz. and mother and son are both doing fine. We understand father has recovered nicely also.

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Quintal rink bumped from mixed playoff

Peewee Quintal's rink from the St. Albert Curling Club went out of the Zone 5 mixed playoff at Griesbach Saturday in straight games. And he's still probably shaking his head over a fantastic triple kill that turned

seemingly certain victory into defeat.

Quintal had a 9-4 lead over Rex Krepps of Lancaster Park after seven ends in their opening game in A event of the four-rink double-knockout competition.

And he looked to be in a pretty comfortable position in the eighth, with Krepps forced to chase the double kill for a pair with the hope that it could turn into a one in a hundred triple for four.

He got it, hitting the target stone thickly enough to chip it out yet thinly enough to wick off and bounce Quintal's remaining two and stay.

The shot seemed to shake the Quintal foursome and they allowed Krepps to steal a pair on the ninth when they let him clutter up the front and hide. In the 10th, with the last rock in Peewee's hand, it came out a 10-10 tie as they exchanged take-outs down the line.

In the extra end, Krepps was faced with a draw to the eight-foot to get the victory.

Quintal, who had Jean Rankel at third, Tony Rankel at second and his wife, Pearl, at lead, was in trouble most of the time against Ken Watson of Griesbach in B event.

He trailed 10-7 coming home and lying one, he was faced with punching his own guard onto a Watson stone and getting a roll into the rings. He got the punch-out and stayed but was two inches short of the rings on his roll.

Watson went on from there to defeat Barnead and then Krepps twice to get a shot at the northern final.

Manel: "Pete, you look angry. What's the matter?"
Betsy: "I just stepped on one of those scales with a loudspeaker and it said, 'One at a time, please!'"

Have you heard of the frustrated baker who ended up in the psychiatrist's office because he had been trying to cheat on his doughnuts? Every time he made the holes bigger, it took more dough to go around them!

Recreation in St. Albert

MEN'S SOCCER

The training sessions which have been held each Friday evening in Sir George Simpson Junior High School have been cancelled. They will resume at a later date.

SPORTS CLUB

Anyone interested in exercise in the form of volleyball or badminton should go to MacKenzie School on Thursday evening at 8 p.m. where a group of similarly inclined citizens are getting together to form a Sports Club. Clay Cutshaw (Phone 599-3415) will be happy to answer any enquiries.

CREATIVE DRAMA

There will be no Creative Drama Class on Wednesday, Feb. 5 as the Clubhouse will be used as a polling station on that day.

Y.M.C.A.

For information regarding swimming lessons for boys and girls of eight years and over, phone Mrs. Phillips at 599-6445. Mrs. Phillips will also be pleased to hear from anyone who is interested in playing chess.

TABLE TENNIS

There continues to be an excellent turn-out of boys and girls for the table tennis sponsored by the Hercules Sports Association. This is held each Tuesday and Friday evening in the Clubhouse. The 10-12 year olds play from 7-8 p.m. and the 13's and over play from 8-9 p.m.

Another table is urgently needed by the Hercules Sports Association who would be very pleased if someone would be kind

A woman in the back seat of a car was haranguing her husband, who sat behind the wheel. "And furthermore, Henry," she finished, "when we are driving, it is not necessary to preface every remark you make with 'Pilot to Navigator'."

Exasperated dragon: "Mother said there would be knights like this."

BADMINTON

There will be an inter-club tournament at Vital Grandin School on Thursday Jan. 30 when the local club will be hosts to clubs from Fort Saskatchewan and Bonnie Doon. Members not involved in the tournament can play at Sir George Simpson Junior High on that evening.

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